

In support of bill 425

I left Austin, Texas and moved to New Haven, CT on New Year's Eve 2015 with my wife and our three kids.

Why?

There's the New England charm, the change of the seasons, the brilliant colors of Fall and the chance for my kids to experience snow and a real winter. There's the beauty of the shoreline to the south, the mountains to the north, the pizza, the history, the culture, the people.

More than that, there's opportunity. When I was hired to work in Product Design for SeeClickFix, I was given an opportunity to work towards something real, something tangible, something true. I spent the last three years working for a creative technology agency and immersing myself in the software design and development explosion of Austin, Texas only to find the greatest minds and creative talents of my generation being wasted on designing "new and innovative" way to order pizza or shop for shoes on their mobile phones.

Like I said, we moved to Connecticut because there's opportunity here - an opportunity to invest in our communities, to impact real positive change, to be apart of a true collaborative democratic initiative. This opportunity extends far beyond just the benefits of my occupation. SeeClickFix is one instrument in a much larger orchestra of reviving our communities, rejuvenating our neighborhoods, and invigorating our cities. By investing in tools that promote civic engagement, we increase the incentive to care, to act, to give, to participate in fixing that sidewalk on the way to the bus stop that our kids walk down everyday on their way to school. If we feel we can fix that broken sidewalk, if we know we can fix that piece of our local community, we initiate a domino effect that will extend to our neighbors, our schools, our local businesses. This effect starts with one action, one click, and the impact can be seen across our cities, our states, our nation.

SB 425 is a part of this action. It's an opportunity to give residents in towns across this state a voice and hand in making their world a better place. We cannot overemphasize the importance of this opportunity nor can we underestimate the positive impact of this action. This is why I'm here today, why I think we're all here today - for an opportunity to do something real, something tangible, something true.

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Josh Wyrzten